

10:50 a.m.

19 February 2012

Welcome and Call to Worship (*Psalm 50:1-6*)

Julianne Best

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Organ Meditation

Michael Burkhardt
(HOUSTON)

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Summons

Louis Lewandowski

“Psalm 150”

Processional Hymn, No. 161

“See Our Lord in All His Glory”

Litany of Confession

Mary Ann Jordan

One: He came bathed in light, dazzling, radiant...

Many: Forgive us, God, for accepting mediocrity in your name and calling it good enough.

One: He came appearing with Elijah and Moses...

Many: Forgive us, God, for demanding exclusive expressions of faith even in the face of your expansive vision.

One: He came while a voice was shouting, "This is my Beloved; listen!"

Many: Forgive us, God, for silencing the voice of the other struggling to praise your name.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mary Ann Jordan

Meditation

Mark Cabaniss
arr. John Purifoy

“Celtic Prayer”

YOUTH Choir

Julianne Best, *director*

David Music, *alto recorder*

Jim Williams, *piano*

Morning Meditation

In my childhood one of the lessons I had to learn the hard way—and repeatedly—is that coming down is almost always more difficult than going up. Whether I was scaling a tall tree, climbing rocks or racing to the top of a ladder, the descent seemed both harder and more nerve-wracking than the ascent.

— David Lose

The Old Testament Reading

Tim McKinney

2 Kings 2:1-12 (pew Bible, pp. 332)

The Epistle Reading

Cyndi McKinney

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (pew Bible, pp. 180)

Hymn of Devotion, No. 159

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

The Gospel Reading

Erin Conaway

Mark 9:2-9 (pew Bible, pp. 44)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayers of God’s People

Erin Conaway

Offering

Karen Thompson

“Holy Manna”

YOUTH Handbell Choir

Lorie Crowder, *director*

Doxology, No. 707

Congregation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Leslie Rosencrans

All children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon. Preschoolers [ages 4-5 years] may then go to Extended Session.

Anthem

Eleanor Daley

“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

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Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near; daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee,
joyless is the day’s return, till Thy mercy’s beams I see;
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief,
fill me, Radiancy, so divine, scatter all my unbelief,
more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Sermon

Rosalie Beck

“Coming Down the Mountain”

Silent Reflections

That glory which shone on the mountain top, we must remember also belongs to the plain. As we sing in a hymn for the Transfiguration, “‘Tis good Lord to be here, yet we may not remain. But since Lord you bid us leave the mount—Come with us to the plain.”

— Francis of Assisi

Hymn of Commitment, No. 472

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ or request membership in this congregation, our ministers will greet you at the altar during the Hymn of Commitment.

Congregational Response

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God’s grace. Amen.

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Choral Response

Claude Bass

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Postlude

L. van Beethoven
arr. Albert L. Travis

“Hymn to Joy”